

very little to no vegetation. The area is considered badlands, with no potential for recreational use now or in the future.

The EIS will assess alternatives to the proposed project, including (1) a smaller project, (2) alternative waste stream management, and (3) no action. The EIS will address numerous environmental issues, including geology, topography, soils, water resources, air quality, living resources, cultural resources, traffic, land use, visual resources, socioeconomics, public health and safety, and noise. The range of issues addressed may change, depending on comments received during the scoping process.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council meeting, notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting will be held October 7, 1997, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Montana Room at the Bureau of Land Management National Training Center, 9828 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The agenda items to be covered at the one-day meeting include: Welcome Remarks to newly-appointed 1997-99 RAC members; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; Review of previous meeting minutes; Review of RAC charter and election of Vice-Chairperson; Update on BIA Cooperating Agency Status; Followup on letter to Director Shea on standards and guidelines implementation and impacts of FWS biological opinions; Orientation on RAC Working Groups for new members; Reports by the Recreation and Public Relations Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; RAC Discussion on future meeting dates and locations. A public comment period will take place at 11:30 a.m. for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services FY 1998 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the availability of grants to hire and/or rehire additional sworn law enforcement officers to engage in community policing. The COPS Universal Hiring Program permits interested agencies to supplement their current sworn forces or jurisdictions to establish a policing agency. Eligible applicants include State, local, and Indian policing agencies, jurisdictions seeking to establish a new policing agency and other agencies serving specialized jurisdictions, such as transit, housing, college, school, or natural resources.

DATES: COPS Universal Hiring Program Application Kits are currently available. There will be two application deadlines for the Universal Hiring Program: November 14, 1997 and January 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: COPS Universal Hiring Program Application Kits may be obtained by writing to COPS Universal Hiring Program, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20530, or by calling the Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770, or the full application kit is also available on the COPS Office web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>. Completed application kits should be sent to COPS Universal Hiring Program, COPS Office, 1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Department of Justice Crime Bill Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants for the hiring or

rehiring of law enforcement officers to engage in community policing. The COPS Universal Hiring Program permits interested agencies to supplement their current sworn forces or to establish a new policing agency, through grants for up to three years. All policing agencies, as well as jurisdictions considering establishing new policing agencies, are eligible to apply for this program. In addition, policing agencies serving specialized jurisdictions, such as transit, housing, college, school, natural resources, and others, are eligible to apply for this program. There are two application deadlines for this program: November 14, 1997 and January 30, 1998. Departments may apply before either of the deadlines and equal consideration will be given to all applications submitted by the same deadline.

All applicants will be asked to provide basic community policing and planning information for their area of jurisdiction. In addition, new applicants serving jurisdictions of 50,000 and over, as well as all those jurisdictions seeking to establish a department and agencies serving specialized jurisdictions (such as transit, housing, college, school, or natural resources), will be asked to provide additional information relating to the applicant's community policing plan, local community policing initiatives and strategies, local community support for the applicant's community policing plan, and plans for retaining the officers at the end of the grant period. In addition to the requested community policing information, all applicants will be asked to submit a streamlined budget summary containing information relating to planned hiring levels, salary and fringe benefits, and decreasing federal share requirements. The COPS Universal Hiring Program Application offers two alternative budget worksheets which are tailored to the number of officers requested by each applicant; applicants requesting five or fewer officers will complete one budget worksheet for each officer, while applicants requesting more than five officers will complete a single budget worksheet based on the average yearly cost per officer.

Grants will be made for up to 75 percent of the total entry-level salary and benefits of each officer over three years, up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer, with the remainder to be paid by state or local funds. Waivers of the non-federal matching requirement may be requested under this program, but will be granted only upon a showing of extraordinary fiscal hardship. Grant funds may be used only for entry-level